A.—Sri K. V. SHANKARA GOWDA (Minister for Education).—

(*a*) 4 (four).

(*b*) 2 (two).

(*c*) (1) From 9-7-65 to 17-10-65.
(2) From 1-6-67 to 22-10-67.
(3) From 16-6-68 to 12-8-68.

Jurisdiction of Courts

147. Sri N. G. HALAPPA (Channagiri).—

Will the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal to bring Channagiri Taluk within the jurisdiction of the Munsiff-Magistrate Court at Bhadravati ;

(*b*) whether such a move was opposed by the public of Channagiri Taluk before Sri T. N. Mallappa who was asked to go into the question ;

(*c*) whether the proposal would be dropped in view of strong opposition by the people of Channagiri ?

A.—Sri H. V. KOUJALGI (Minister for Revenue).—

(*a*) A representation has been made by the Bar Association, Bhadravati, to include Channagiri Taluk within the jurisdiction of the Munsiff-Magistrate's Court, Bhadravati, and it is under consideration in the High Court of Mysore.

(*b*) There is no mention of any such move in the report of the Committee constituted in the year 1953 to go into the question of redistribution of territorial and pecuniary jurisdiction of courts.

(*c*) No opposition by the people to the proposal of the Bar Association, Bhadravati, has so far come to the notice of Government or the High Court.

Instalment of Taps for Drinking Water

148. Sri M. S. KRISHNAN (Malleswaram).—

Will the Minister for Labour be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether the residents of Mariappanapalya, Yeshwantapura, Bangalore have represented the Corporation authorities to instal a few taps for drinking water ;

(*b*) if so, when the representation has been made and the action taken thereon ;

(*c*) whether the authorities concerned would provide the taps for drinking water ?

A. Sri K. PUTTASWAMY (Minister for Labour).—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Most of the representations were made orally.

(1) Mariappanapalya—4 Taps provided.

(2) Yeshwantapura—1 Tap proposed near railway line.

(*c*) Yes. Water Supply Department has been requested by the Corporation to improve water supply in Mariappanapalya and further action is being taken to provide 3 more taps in Yeshwantapura.

Steel Plant at Hospet

149. Sri D. M. SIDDAIAH (Beligere).—

Will the Minister for Industries, Information and Publicity be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the stage at which the starting of steel plant at Hospet stands at present;

(*b*) the opinion of the Expert Committee who have visited Hospet and result thereon;

(*c*) whether Hospet is not the best place in India to start a Steel Plant;

(*d*) if so, why Government has failed to achieve this big boon to our State;

(*e*) the course of action the Government intend to take to achieve the same?

A.—Sri M. RAJASEKHARA MURTHY (Minister for Industries, Information and Publicity).—

(*a*) The matter is under the consideration of the Government of India.

(*b*) Favourable.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) The final decision rests with the Government of India.

(*e*) The State Government is urging persistently the Government of India for the location of a steel plant for the State at Hospet.

Restoration of Irrigation Tanks

150. Sri S. BANGARAPPA (Sorab).—

Will the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the number of irrigation tanks in Soraba Taluk; the number of them restored and repaired and the number of them not restored and not repaired;

(*b*) the amount spent on these tanks during the last three year and the total acreage irrigated and still to be irrigated?